6. National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi provides investigative support of outbreak of anthrax in any part of the country, whenever asked/required to do so. NICD also provides testing facilities for anthrax suspected envelopes/packages.

(c) There are sufficient penal provisions in the existing law to deal with persons who are spreading rumours and creating public nuisance.

Deaths due to HIV/AIDS

3523. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated number of women and men in age group 12-25 infected with HI V / AIDS as on 1 st January, 2002;

(b) the number of deaths due to this disease during the past three years, year-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to minimize the casualities and the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The date related to women and men in age group 12-25 infected with HIV/ AIDS is not being maintained by NACO.

(b) A statement indicating the number of deaths due to HIV/AIDS during the past three years is given below:—

Year	No. of Deaths
1999	229
2000	378
2001	765

(c) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV / AIDS in India, Government of India has launched a Comprehensive Programme, currently under implementation throughout the country as a Centrally sponsored scheme with the following components:—

- Reducing the spread of HI V in groups at high risk by identification of target populations and providing peer counselling, condom promotion, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.
- Preventive intervention for the general population by Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and awareness campaign,

provision of voluntary testing and counselling, safe blood tranfusion services and prevention of occupational exposure.

- Providing financial assistance for opportunistic infections, home and community base care.
- Strengthening effectiveness and technical, managerial, financial sustainability at National, State and Municipal levels.
- Promoting collaboration amongst public, private and voluntary sector.

Assistance by Germany for Pulse Polio Programme

†3524. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance was provided by Germany for Pulse Polio Programme during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and

(c) the amount allocated, out of this, to Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra for implementation of Pulse Polio Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The year-wise assistance provided by Germany to India for purchase of Oral Polio Vaccine for the Pulse Polio programme is as follows:—

Year	Assistance Received
1999-2000	Rs. 61.64 crores
2000-2001	—
2001-2002	—

Although an agreement for assistance of 20 million DM was entered into 2001-2002, the assistance has been deferred to 2002-03 due to availability of other funds for vaccine.

(c) The German assistance for the Pulse Polio Programme is received Centrally. The vaccine thereunder is procured by UNICEF and supplied to Government of India where it is pooled with other supplies. It is not possible to ascertain the exact source of funding for OPV supplies made to individual

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